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PATENT APPLICATION

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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:)
TAKESHI IMAMURA ET AL.) : Examiner: Herbert J. Lilling
Application No.: 10/084,172) : Group Art Unit: 1651
Filed: February 28, 2002)
For: NOVEL)
POLYHYDROXYALKANOATE :
CONTAINING UNIT WITH)
PHENYLSULFANYL STRUCTURE :
IN THE SIDE CHAIN, PROCESS)
FOR ITS PRODUCTION, CHARGE :
CONTROL AGENT, TONER)
BINDER AND TONER WHICH :
CONTAIN NOVEL POLY-)
HYDROXYALKANOATE, AND :
IMAGE-FORMING METHOD)
AND IMAGE-FORMING :
APPARATUS WHICH MAKE)
USE OF THE TONER)
June 4, 2004

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

a) Introductory Comments

Prior to receipt of the first Office Action on the merits, kindly amend the subject application as follows.